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| In re F | Patent Application of  | MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Fabriz  | io Alessandro MASPERO et al.   | Group Art Unit: 3738   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Filing  | Date: June 21, 2005  | Confirmation No.: 1293   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Title:  | BIODEGRADABLE BIOCOMPATIBLE ()   | )<br>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | AMENDMENT/REPLY TRA  | NSMITTAL LETTER  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Enclos  | sed is a reply for the above-identified patent   | application.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$\sum \$70 \$\sum \$140 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. \§ 1.20(d) are enclosed.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | Also enclosed is/are:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | Small entity status is hereby claimed.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  \$\Boxed{\Boxes}\$ \$ 405 \$\Boxed{\Boxes}\$ \$ 810 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | Applicant(s) previously submittedcontinued examination is requested.   | on for which   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | , which does not exceed  | ant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, ordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) osed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|         | A Request for Entry and Consideration of (1809/2809) is also enclosed.   | Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| $\boxtimes$  | No additional claim fee is required.   |                  |  |                 |                 |         |         |  |  |
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|  | An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:   |                  |  |                 |                 |         |         |  |  |
| AMENDED CLAIMS   |  |                  |  |                 |                 |         |         |  |  |
|  |  | No. of<br>Claims | Highest No.<br>of Claims<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Extra<br>Claims | Rate            | Additio | nal Fee |  |  |
| Total Claims   |  | 46               | 46   | 0               | x \$ 52 (1202)  | \$      | 0       |  |  |
| Independent Claims   |  | 4                | 4  | 0               | x \$ 220 (1201) |         | 0       |  |  |
| ☐ If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 390 (1203) |  |                  |  |                 |                 |         | 0       |  |  |
| Total  | Claim Amendmen   | \$               | 0  |                 |                 |         |         |  |  |
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| TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT                |  |                  |  |                 |                 |         | 0       |  |  |
|  | Charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.  A check in the amount of is enclosed for the fee due.  |                  |  |                 |                 |         |         |  |  |
|  | Charge to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  |                  |  |                 |                 |         |         |  |  |
|  | The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate. |                  |  |                 |                 |         |         |  |  |
| Respectfully submitted,  |  |                  |  |                 |                 |         |         |  |  |
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